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feud.

It also has given birth to new but emphatically denied allegations of involvement in union affairs by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and is focusing attention on what the Denver-based union's chief calls "a general anti-North American feeling that is building up in Brazil."

The union official in Denver is Loyd A. Haskins, general secretary of the International Federation of Petroleum and Chemical Workers (IFPCW). He returned recently from Brazil where he conferred with government officials about the investigation that temporarily has halted the union's activities there.

Haskins has said that accusations that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has had a hand in union affairs in Brazil are "completely false" and originated with an "extreme leftist" newspaper, Ultima Hora, in Rio de Janeiro.

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Haskins said he learned Monday from a union representative in Washington, D.C., that the Brazilian investigating committee "had not found any CIA contact, although they had looked for everything" in the course of the investigation.

The union official gave this review of the Brazilian investigation:

"During my visit to Brazil, I met the minister of labor (Col. Jarbas Passarinho) and found out that a newspaper (Ultima Hora) had produced two documents, one which purported to be a financial statement of our union there and a companion document which supposedly was signed by our representative there, Alberto Ramos.

"These documents subsequently were examined by Brazilian police and determined to be forgeries," Haskins said.

He listed four other allegations on which the government

internal operation or the trade unions in Brazil.

—"That we were engaged in a jurisdictional dispute with the International Chemical Federation (ICF), which is based in Geneva, Switzerland."

Haskins said he spent two hours conferring with Passarinho, who said he had established an investigating committee which was looking into the truth of the charges.

"He told me that the committee had determined that the documents used against us were forgeries, that we hadn't interfered in the internal activities of the unions and that we weren't opposed to Petrobras."

That, Haskins said, left IFPCW guilty, in Passarinho's opinion, of only two of the charges: "That we had engaged in a jurisdictional dispute with the Geneva-based union and that we had been critical of the government."

A decision on government action to be taken as a result of those charges is pending, Haskins said.

He said that his union "has nothing to fear from the investigation" and is keeping its office open in Brazil. But the union's activities, which Haskins said are limited to "educational programs," have been halted until the government decision is reached.

Haskins indicated that he believes the Brazilian investiga-

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